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SUBJ: ONTARIO INQUIRY INTO SAFEGUARDING OF MEDICAL DATA RESULT

OF PAST POLICE ACCESS

1. RESPONDING TO CLAIMS OF RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL DATA FROM ONTARIO HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (OHIP) FILES TO RCMP, PROVINCIAL AND OTHER POLICE AUTHORITIES, THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED A SPECIAL INQUIRY HEADED BY ONTARIO SUPREME COURT JUDGE HORACE KREVER TO INQUIRE INTO CURRENT PROCEDURES FOR SAFEGUARDING CONFIDENTIAL DATA

INQUIRY WILL NOT LOOK INTO SPECIFIC PAST ABUSES AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BELIEVES PAST VIOLATIONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY SHOULD NOT BE PROSECUTED.

2. OHIP HAS SUPPLIED POLICE WITH BASIC BIOGRAPHIC DATA FROM FILES UPON REQUEST IN PAST BUT CONCERN HAS ARISEN REGARDING POSSIBLE RELEASE OF MEDICAL, PARTICULARLY PSYCHILRIC INFORMATION. HEALTH MINISTER DENNIS TIMBRELL HAS ORDERED THAT POLICE NOW BE GIVEN ANY INFORMATION ONLY ON BASIS OF COURT ORDER. SUGGESTED NON PROSECUTION OF OFFICIALS REQUESTING AND RELEASING DATA IN PAST MADE BY MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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IN PART BASED ON INTERNAL OHIP REGULATIONS PERMITTING RELEASE OF BIOGRAPHIC DATA TO POLICE AUTHORITIES.

3. JUDGE KREVER APPOINTED TO SUPREME COURT IN 1975. BACKGROUND INCLUDES UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LAW PROFESSORSHIP, WHERE HE ALSO LECTURED ON MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE, AND PRESIDENCY OF MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY OF TORONTO.

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